

# San Bernardino County



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## **PRESS RELEASE For Immediate Distribution**

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### **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RECORDER STEPS DOWN AS CHAIR**

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Recorder Larry Walker announced today that he has relinquished his duties as Chairman of the California e-Recording Transaction Network Authority (CeRTNA) as his tenure as County Recorder comes to an end. Walker served as founding Chairman from 2007 through 2010, and utilized his vision to guide the development, implementation, and support of a state-wide electronic recording delivery system, known as CeRTNA.

CeRTNA was developed to allow users within the Title, Banking, Mortgage Lending, local government, and other associated industries a unified means to electronically submit land record documents to county recorders throughout the state of California. Title companies no longer need a different system for each county where they record documents electronically. Submitters all over the state can record through a single portal connected to many County Recorders. This system allows for accurate and timely processing along with increased efficiency and flexibility.

Walker furthered the expansion of CeRTNA by reaching out to government agencies with the launch of their Government-to-Government (G2G) Program. The G2G Program includes contract partnerships with state agencies including the Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, and the Franchise Tax Board. CeRTNA's platform offers these agencies the means to transmit the recordation of documents electronically as well. National submitters also include Ingeo, SPL, and Simplifile, which collectively make up 30% of today's electronic recording volume. CeRTNA was the first such system approved by the California Attorney General's office under the requirements of the Electronic Recording Delivery Act (ERDA) of 2004, as authorized by the enactment of Assembly Bill 578. The San Bernardino County Recorder's office received formal approval from the state Attorney General's office to launch their system as part of the formal approval process required for each participating county.

"I am proud of our accomplishments we've made through CeRTNA," said Walker. "We have made great progress over the last few years, and I am confident that this unified system will continue to grow among California Recorders."

CeRTNA is a California Joint Powers Authority (JPA) organization made up of County Recorders throughout the state. This JPA was created to jointly develop, implement, and maintain a secure system for the electronic recording of documents. In addition to San Bernardino, current member counties include El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Merced, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

For additional information, please refer to the San Bernardino County Recorder's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acr](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acr).

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